

**REMARKS**

We thank the Examiner for his telephone call on March 29, 2005 and suggestions of amendments to the claims.

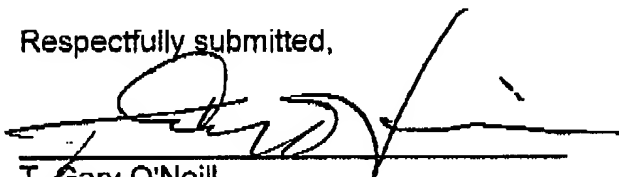
Applicant has rewritten claim 10 in independent form by incorporating the limitations recited in its parent claims 1 and 6, as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 6 without prejudice, and amended the dependency of claims 2, 7-9, 11 and 12 to depend on amended claim 10. Also, Applicant has now cancelled without prejudice claims 13-19 which have been withdrawn from the consideration. Applicant retains rights to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims.

Applicant trusts that the application is now in condition for allowance.  
Reconsideration and early allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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